



Public Notice

**U.S. Army Corps
Of Engineers
Galveston District**

Permit Application No: 23322
Date Issued: 3 March 2004
Comments Due: 2 April 2004

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, GALVESTON DISTRICT

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE: To inform you of a proposal for work in which you might be interested. It is also to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest. We hope you will participate in this process.

AUTHORITY: This application will be reviewed pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

APPLICANT: F-W Oil Exploration LLC
9821 Katy Freeway, Suite 1050
Houston, Texas 77024-1218

AGENT: R.E.M. Solutions, Inc.
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Houston, Texas 77084-4997
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POC: Ms. Connie Goers

LOCATION: The project is located in the Matagorda Anchorage Area and Fairway, in Matagorda Island Area, Block 526, OCS Federal waters, Gulf of Mexico, offshore Texas. Using NAD 27, Texas South Central Zone the project can be located at State Plane Coordinates X=2,905,353.52 feet; Y=187,910.83 feet.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to install, operate and maintain a 4.5-inch natural gas and condensate pipeline to transport production from F-W Oil Exploration LLC's Matagorda Island Block 526, Well No. 001 to a subsea tie-in point with El Paso's existing 16-inch pipeline. The applicant will jet the pipeline below the mudline to a minimum 10-foot depth in the fairway and a minimum 16.5-foot depth in the anchorage. The applicant's plans are enclosed in 2 sheets.

NOTES: This public notice is being issued based on information furnished by the applicant. This information has not been verified.

The decision as to whether a permit will be issued will be based on an evaluation of the impact of the proposed work on navigation and national security within the Matagorda Anchorage Area and Fairway.

The remainder of the pipeline/structure is authorized under Nationwide 8 for oil and gas structures and will be evaluated by the Minerals Management Service. Environmental aspects have been considered in the final Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the Minerals Management Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

OTHER AGENCY AUTHORIZATIONS: Texas Coastal Zone consistency certification is required. The applicant has stated that the project is consistent with the Texas Coastal Management Program goals and policies and will be conducted in a manner consistent with said Program.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES: The staff archaeologist has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible, and other sources of information. The following is current knowledge of the presence or absence of historic properties and the effects of the undertaking upon these properties:

The State tracts proposed for work under this permit application are not included in the Texas Antiquity Committee's list of tracts containing State Archaeological Landmarks. Therefore, the proposed activities are not likely to affect pre-20th-century shipwrecks.

CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD: All comments pertaining to this Public Notice must reach this office on or before **2 April 2004**. Extensions of the comment period may be granted for valid reasons provided a written request is received by the limiting date. **If no comments are received by that date, it will be considered that there are no objections**. Comments and requests for additional information should be submitted to:

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